

To: Mears, Mary[Mears.Mary@epa.gov]
From: Enck, Judith
Sent: Thur 7/7/2016 5:01:17 PM
Subject: FW: Region 2
2016-07-06-JEC-Lummis-to-McCarthy-EPA-Hoosick-Falls-due-7-20.pdf

Hi mary: I know you will get back to Brendan but In addition to the regular response, we should respond to his specific question which has already been reported in the media. I became aware of the Hoosick falls problem on October 15, 2015 that is the day I received an email from the county executive and I have a copy of the email. I think it's important to answer this question.
Thanks, Judith

From: Lyons, Brendan [mailto:BLyons@TimesUnion.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 12:54 PM
To: Martin, John <Martin.JohnJ@epa.gov>
Cc: May, Jennifer <May.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Enck, Judith <Enck.Judith@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Region 2

Good afternoon,

I'm reaching out to see if someone from Region 2/EPA DC will respond to the letter issued yesterday by the House oversight committee (attached). Also, we have reported that Judith Enck became aware of the Hoosick Falls PFOA pollution around November 2015 — would you be able to clarify that information so that we can confirm?

Thanks in advance for any help on this today.

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From: "Martin, John" <Martin.JohnJ@epa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 4:15 PM
To: Brendan Lyons <blyons@timesunion.com>
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Subject: FW: Region 2

Hi Brendan,

We're still working on tracking down this info. I think you said tomorrow could work for this. Not sure we will have responses to your questions by COB today, but doing our best.

John

From: Mears, Mary
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 3:17 PM
To: Lyons, Brendan <BLyons@TimesUnion.com>
Cc: Martin, John <Martin.JohnJ@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Region 2

I am out today and handed you request over to John Martin. I sent it to colleagues in Superfund yesterday and am not sure where it stands.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2016, at 2:30 PM, Lyons, Brendan <BLyons@TimesUnion.com> wrote:

Hi, Mary, I'm just checking in to see if any luck with some data. Also, again, if you have any information regarding any unfunded project in NYS please let me know:

The following excerpt was in the GAO report issued in 2014. Do you know which sites in Region 2, if any, were among those that were not funded and what the status is today?

However, in fiscal year 2012, EPA did not fund and start any of the 21 new remedial action projects through the Panel process¹⁸ that were ready to begin that year. The 21 unfunded projects were estimated to have cost over \$117 million¹⁹ in 2012, according to EPA officials. In fiscal year 2013, EPA did not fund 22 out of 30 projects due to priorities for declining funds as well. According to EPA officials, in that year, these unfunded projects were estimated to have cost approximately \$101 million.

From: "Mears, Mary" <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 12:15 PM
To: Brendan Lyons <blyons@timesunion.com>
Subject: RE: Region 2

The beginning would be the early 1980's, so doubtful we'd even still have that information. Let me see if we have the information and how far back they can go.

Mary Mears

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From: Lyons, Brendan [<mailto:BLyons@TimesUnion.com>]
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To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Region 2

Well, we'd love to go back to the beginning, but if that's not easily done I'll take as far back as possible.

From: "Mears, Mary" <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 12:03 PM
To: Brendan Lyons <blyons@timesunion.com>
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Forgot to ask,

How many years back are you proposing to look?

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Tomorrow evening, if possible. Is that reasonable?

From: "Mears, Mary" <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 11:26 AM
To: Brendan Lyons <blyons@timesunion.com>, "Enck, Judith" <Enck.Judith@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Region 2

Hi Brendan,

I think this information will need to come from our D.C. office. What is your deadline?

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